

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14433–S14571

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1280–1284, and S. Res. 176. **Page S14547**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for fiscal year 1996” (S. Rept. 104–149) **Page S14547**

Measures Passed:

Truth in Lending: Senate passed H.R. 2399, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to clarify the intent of such Act and to reduce burdensome regulatory requirements on creditors, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S14566–68**

Official Office Expenses: Senate agreed to S. Res. 176, relating to expenditures for official office expenses. **Pages S14568–69**

Attorney’s Fees Equity Act: Senate passed S. 144, to amend section 526 of title 28, United States Code, to authorize awards of attorney’s fees. **Page S14569**

Bankruptcy Code Corrections: Senate passed S. 977, to correct certain references in the Bankruptcy Code. **Page S14569**

Biotechnological Patents: Senate passed S. 1111, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes. **Pages S14569–70**

Judicial Tenure: Senate passed S. 531, to authorize a circuit judge who has taken part in an in banc hearing of a case to continue to participate in that case after taking senior status, after agreeing to a committee amendment. **Page S14570**

Defense Production Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 1147, to extend and reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950. **Page S14570**

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations, 1996: By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 471), Senate rejected a motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2127,

making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, (The motion, pursuant to the order of Wednesday, September 27, 1995, required 60 votes or more.) **Pages S14438–48**

Also, by 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 472), Senate again rejected the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. **Pages S14448–56**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations, 1996: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with committee amendments, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S14471–S14546**

Adopted:

(1) Gramm Amendment No. 2813, to make certain technical corrections. **Pages S14501–02**

(2) Hatfield Amendment No. 2814 (to committee amendment beginning on page 2, line 9 through page 3, line 5), to add funds by increasing 602(b) allocations. **Pages S14502–05**

(3) Gramm (for Abraham/Grams) Amendment No. 2820, to terminate the Regulatory Coordination Advisory Committee, the Biotechnology Technical Advisory Committee, and the Advisory Corrections Counsel. **Pages S14539–40**

(4) Gramm (for Helms) Amendment No. 2821, to extend the authority to administer au pair programs through fiscal year 1999. **Pages S14539–40**

(5) Gramm (for Dorgan/Conrad) Amendment No. 2822, to express the sense of the Senate on United States-Canada Cooperation concerning an outlet to relieve flooding at Devils Lake in North Dakota. **Pages S14539–40**

(6) Gramm (for Hollings) Amendment No. 2823, to increase funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program. **Pages S14539–40**

(7) Gramm (for Hollings) Amendment No. 2824, to reduce funding for the Commerce Reorganization Transition Fund. **Pages S14539–40**

(8) Gramm Amendment No. 2825, to provide for the relocation of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting.

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(9) Gramm (for Hatfield/Hollings) Amendment No. 2826, providing that the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships, Inc., may use any earned but unused trust income from the period 1992–1995 for Fellowship purposes.

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(10) Gramm (for Helms) Amendment No. 2827, to waive until December 1, 1995, the requirement for authorizations of appropriations for Department of State funding.

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(11) Gramm (for Helms/Pell) Amendment No. 2828, to make available for diplomatic and consular programs funds collected from new fees charged for the expedited processing of certain visas and border crossing cards.

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Pending:

Biden Amendment No. 2815, to restore funding for grants to combat violence against women.

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McCain/Dorgan Amendment No. 2816, to ensure competitive bidding for DBS spectrum.

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Kerrey Amendment No. 2817, to decrease the amount of funding for Federal Bureau of Investigation construction and increase the amount of funding for the National Information Infrastructure.

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Biden/Bryan Amendment No. 2818, to restore funding for residential substance abuse treatment for State prisoners, rural drug enforcement assistance, the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994, drug courts, grants or contracts to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to establish Boys and Girls Clubs in public housing, and law enforcement family support programs, to restore the authority of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, to strike the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Block Grant Program, and to restore the option of States to use prison block grant funds for boot camps.

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Domenici Amendment No. 2819 (to committee amendment on page 26, line 18), to improve provisions relating to appropriations for legal assistance.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, September 30, 1995.

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Small Business Lending Enhancement Act—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 895, to amend the Small Business Act to reduce the level of participation by the Small Business Administration in certain loans guaranteed by the Administration.

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Appointments:

North Atlantic Assembly Fall Meeting: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly Fall Meeting during the First Session of the 104th Congress, to be held in Turin, Italy, October 5–9, 1995: Senators Cochran, Grassley, Murkowski, Gorton, and Akaka.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: James L. Dennis, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 473), Senate rejected a motion to recommit the nomination to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—473)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and recessed at 9:52 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, September 29, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S14571.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

ETHANOL PRODUCTION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the effects of the ethanol industry on farm income, deficiency payments, energy efficiency, and economic activity in rural America, after receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Eric Vaughn, Renewable Fuels Association, Washington, D.C.; Douglas A. Durante, Clean Fuels Development Coalition, Bethesda, Maryland; and Merlin Plagge, Iowa Farm Bureau, Des Moines.

PUBLIC HOUSING REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1260, to reform and consolidate the public and assisted housing programs of the United States, and to redirect primary responsibility for these programs from the Federal Government to States and localities, after receiving testimony from Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Joseph G. Schiff, The Schiff Group, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland, former Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Richard C. Gentry, Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Richmond, Virginia, on behalf of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; John H. Hiscox, Macon, Georgia Housing Authority, on behalf of the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association; Gregory Byrne, Dade County Department of Housing and Urban Development, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities; Paul Graziano, New York City Housing Authority, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Leased Housing Association; Thomas R. Shuler, Insignia Management Corporation, Greenville, South Carolina, on behalf of the National Apartment Association and the National Multi Housing Council; Karen V. Hill, Fair Housing Implementation Office, Yonkers, New York, on behalf of the National Low Income Housing Coalition; Nancy Bernstine, National Housing Law Project, and Othello W. Poulard, Center for Community Change, both of Washington, D.C.; Ann O'Hara, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities; Helen Boosalis, Lincoln, Nebraska, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons; Rosemary Rittenberg, Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants, Dorchester; and Sharron D. Lipscomb, Empowerment Network Foundation, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Patricia J. Beneke, of Iowa, to be Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Eluid L. Martinez, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, Derrick L. Forrister, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Charles William Burton, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Finance: Committee continued its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Joan M. Plaisted, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, and Don Lee Gevirtz, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, Ambassador to the Kingdom of Tonga, and Ambassador to Tuvalu, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senator Feinstein, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ned R. McWherter, of Tennessee, to be Governor of the United States Postal Service, and Donald S. Wasserman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority,

after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. McWherter was introduced by Senator Frist.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of R. Guy Cole, Jr., of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Susan J. Dlott, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Stephen Murray Orlofsky, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Barry Ted Moskowitz, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and John R. Tunheim, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Cole and Ms. Dlott were introduced by Senator Glenn and Representative Stokes; Mr. Orlofsky was introduced by Senators Bradley and Lautenberg, Mr. Moskowitz was introduced by Senator Boxer, and Mr. Tunheim was introduced by Senators Grams and Wellstone.

NON-IMMIGRANT ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine non-immigrant immigration issues, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Reich, Secretary of Labor; Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Austin T. Fragomen, Fragomen, Del Rey & Bernsen, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Council on International Personnel; Grace

Gentry, Gentry, Incorporated, Oakland, California, on behalf of the National Association of Computer Consultant Businesses; Lawrence Richards, Software Professionals' Political Action Committee, Austin, Texas; David Auston, Rice University, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Association of American Universities; Philip P. Martin, University of California, Davis; Bob L. Vice, California Farm Bureau Federation, Sacramento; John Young, New England Apple Council, New Boston, New Hampshire; James S. Holt, McGuinness & Williams, and David North, both of Washington, D.C.; Dolores Huerta, United Farm Workers of America (AFL-CIO), Keene, California; Robert A. Williams, Florida Rural Legal Services, Tallahassee; and Wallace Huffman, Iowa State University, Ames.

PRIVATE EFFORTS TO RESHAPE AMERICA

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings to examine the effectiveness of private organizations in providing social services, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Woodson, Sr., National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, and John Woods, Gospel Mission of Washington, D.C., both of Washington, D.C.; Freddie Garcia, Victory Home, San Antonio, Texas; James Heurich, San Antonio Teen Challenge, San Antonio, Texas; Jerry Hayes, Sunshine Mission, St. Louis, Missouri; Janet W. Evans, Person-to-Person, Darien, Connecticut; Joan Smith, St. Elizabeth's Regional Maternity Center, New Albany, Indiana; and John Booy, The Potter's House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2413–2423, and 1 private bill, H.R. 2424; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 109 and H. Res. 223 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 1976, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995 (H. Rept. 104–268); and

Conference report on S. 895, to amend the Small Business Act to reduce the level of participation by the Small Business Administration (H. Rept. 104–269).

Pages H9628–39, H9670

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H9593

Middle East Peace Facilitation: House passed H.R. 2404, to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until November 1, 1995.

Pages H9600–01

Continuing Appropriations: House passed H.J. Res. 108, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996.

Pages H9601–06

Agreed to the Rogers technical amendment.

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H. Res. 230, the rule under which the joint resolution was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H9601–04

Recess: House recessed at 1:59 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m. **Page H9625**

International Space Station Authorization: House passed H.R. 1601, to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to develop, assemble, and operate the International Space Station. **Pages H9606–08**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page H9608**

Three-Judge State Referenda Review: H.R. 1170, to provide that cases challenging the constitutionality of measures passed by State referendum be heard by a 3-judge court. **Pages H9608–28**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page H9627**

Rejected:

The Schroeder amendment that sought to limit the application of the bill to court districts which have either only one sitting judge or that have multiple judges who can receive cases in any other way other than a random assignment basis (rejected by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 692); and **Pages H9619–26**

The Watt amendment that sought to make the provisions of the bill applicable only to the State of California. **Pages H9626–27**

Agreed to amend the title. **Page H9628**

H. Res. 227, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H9608–11

Interior Appropriations: By a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 695, the House agreed to H. Res. 231, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995. **Pages H9639–43, H9645–46**

Defense Appropriations: by a yea-and-nay vote of 284 yeas to 139 nays, Roll No. 694, the House agreed to H. Res. 232, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

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British-American Interparliamentary Group: The Speaker appointed Representative Bereuter, Chairman, to the British-American Interparliamentary Group on the part of the House. **Page H9646**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9625–26, H9627–28, H9644–45, and H9645–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Agriculture: On September 27, the Committee concluded consideration of Budget Reconciliation recommendations, but came to no resolution thereon.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SYSTEM

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises concluded oversight hearings on the Federal Home Loan Bank System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Federal Home Loan Bank System: Alex J. Pollock, President and CEO, Chicago; Alfred A. DelliBovi, President, New York; and John K. Darr, Managing Director, Office of Finance; and public witnesses.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Economic and Education Opportunities: Approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations.

HEALTH FRAUD AND ABUSE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2326, Health Care Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act of 1995; and H.R. 1850, Health Fraud and Abuse Act. Testimony was heard from Gerald Stern, Special Counsel, Financial Institution Fraud, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

TAXPAYER-FUNDED POLITICAL ADVOCACY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on Taxpayer-funded Political Advocacy. Testimony was heard from Representative Longley; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported the following resolutions: S. Con. Res. 21, amended, directing that the "Portrait Monument" carved in the likeness of Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, now in the Crypt of the Capitol, be restored to its original state and be placed in the Capitol Rotunda; and H. Con. Res. 94, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a dedication ceremony incident to the placement of a bust of Raoul Wallenberg in the Capitol.

TERRORISM IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Terrorism in Latin America/AMIA Bombing in Argentina. Testimony was heard from Phillip Wilcox, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; Robert Bryant, Assistant Director, National Security Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. OVERSEAS PROGRAMS EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held an oversight hearing on the Effectiveness of U.S. Overseas Programs to Promote International Tourism and Travel to the United States. Testimony was heard from Senator Pressler; Greg Farmer, Under secretary, Travel and Tourism, Department of Commerce; Richard Speros, Director, Division of Tourism, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

BOSNIAN REFUGEES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Bosnian Refugees. Testimony was heard from Brunson McKinley, Under Secretary, Department of State, and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1241, DNA Identification Grants Improvement Act; H.R. 1533, to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for escaping from a Federal prison; H.R. 1552, False Identification Act of 1995; H.R. 2359, to clarify the method of execution of Federal prisoners; and H.R. 2360, to amend title 18, United States Code, to permit Federal prisoners to engage in community service projects. Testimony was heard from Representatives Chabot, Wynn, and Bryant of Tennessee; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Kevin Di Gregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; Thomas R. Kane, Assistant Director, Information, Policy and Public Affairs, Federal Bureau of Prisons; and Milton Aehlich, Assistant Director, FBI; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WILD BIRD CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-440). Testimony was heard from Representative Ewing; Marshall Jones, Assistant Director, International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Lawrence Herrighty, Super-

vising Wildlife Biologist, Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 194, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make matching contributions toward the purchase of the Sterling Forest in the State of New York; H.R. 1256, Sterling Forest Protection Act of 1995; and the Snow Basin Land Exchange Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Senators Bradley and Lautenberg; Representatives Gilman, Roukema, Torricelli, Martini and Frelinghuysen; Marie Rust, Northeast Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Gray Reynolds, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Bernadette Castro, Commissioner, Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, State of New York; James F. Hall, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Natural and Historic Resources, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

IMPACT OF GOVERNMENT REGULATORY, TAX AND LEGAL POLICY ON TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Impact of Government Regulatory, Tax and Legal Policy on Technology Development and Competitiveness. Testimony was heard from Allan I. Mendelowitz, Managing Director, International Trade, Finance and Competitiveness, GAO; Andrew W. Wyckoff, Program Director, Industry, Telecommunications and Commerce, OTA; and public witnesses.

SBA's VENTURE CAPITAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on SBA's Venture Capital Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Donald Wheeler, Deputy Director, Office of Special Investigations; and Judy England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues; and Patricia Forbes, Acting Associate Deputy Administrator, Economic Development, SBA.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations.

FAA REVITALIZATION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on H.R.

2276, Federal Aviation Administration Revitalization Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative Lightfoot; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT; BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported H.R. 2394, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1995.

The Committee also approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations.

Joint Meetings

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Conferees met in closed session on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1530, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996, but did not complete action thereon and recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Conferees on Wednesday, September 27, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1976, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

SMALL BUSINESS LENDING ENHANCEMENT ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 895, to amend the Small Business Act to reduce the level of participation by the Small Business Administration in certain loans guaranteed by the Administration.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, hold hearings on the nomination of John Wade Douglass, of Virginia, to be Assistant

Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on the nominations of Dwight P. Robinson, of Michigan, to be Deputy Secretary, John A. Knubel, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Hal C. Decell, III, of Mississippi, and Elizabeth K. Julian, of Texas, each to be an Assistant Secretary, Kevin G. Chavers, of Pennsylvania, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Joseph H. Neely, of Mississippi, to be Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Alicia Haydock Munnell, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Norman S. Johnson, of Utah, and Isaac C. Hunt Jr., of Ohio, each to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to continue to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 10 a.m., SH-216. *Select Committee on Intelligence,* to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 9:30 a.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, hearing on the proposed United States Housing Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on H.R. 497, National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission Act, 10 a.m., 2131 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 2405, Omnibus Civilian Science Research Authorization Act of 1995, and the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1976, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Guatemala, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on S. 395, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Energy to sell the Alaska Power Administration, and to authorize the export of Alaska North Slope crude oil, 10 a.m., H-137, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, September 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2076, Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations, 1996.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, September 29

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1977, Interior Appropriations for fiscal year 1996; and

Conference report on H.R. 2126, Defense Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1996.

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